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Senate Approves Ban on Sexually Explicit Material

LANSING — State Sen. Tony Stamas, R-Midland, announced passage of House Bill 4360, a common-sense, bipartisan effort to ban public displays of sexually explicit material.

The effort to change the law came about from complaints from parents who had taken their children to use the facilities at places such as gas stations, only to find prominent displays of sexually explicit magazines and other such material in the business.

Under the bill, which now heads to Gov. Granholm for approval, such material has to be kept from public view either by covering the bottom two-thirds of it or by keeping it in restricted areas that prevents access by minors unaccompanied by guardians.